



The Indian Ocean is home to nearly 2.7 billion people, rich in culture and diversity with a unique establishment to enhance regional cooperation for peace, stability and sustainable development. As the third largest ocean woven together by trade routes, carrying half of the world's container ships, one third of the world's bulk cargo traffic and two thirds of the world's oil shipments, the Indian Ocean remains an important lifeline for international trade, transport and communication.

The year 2017 has been a remarkable year for the Association celebrating 20 years since the establishment in 1997. 13 November 2017, is yet another milestone for IORA, launching the new redeveloped website.

This newly redesigned website offers quick and easy access to essential information and features that offers a more comprehensive understanding of IORA. The website also has a broad platform dedicated to the IORA priority and focus areas, structures and mechanisms, news and events, regional documentation and a fully supported Members Area.

"We are excited about the new IORA website launch and the robust information it provides for Member States, visitors, investors, partners and media to better understand IORA" said Ambassador K.V Bhagirath, Secretary General of IORA. "We believe that this new platform will allow our visitors to have a very informative experience as we continue to grow and increase our outreach and sustainable development programs throughout the Indian Ocean Region."

IORA's new website will be updated on a regular basis with news related to the workshops hosted by Member States, Indian Ocean news and Member States initiatives taken to ensure a prosperous, safe and secure region.

Visitors are encouraged to explore the website and sign up for IORA updates and news by the Secretariat at <http://www.iora.net>